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SUBJECT: US-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL

SECOND PLENUM OF US-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL HELD IN WASHINGTON MAY 29-30 WAS MARKED BY POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE AND HIGH-LEVEL USG AND BUSINESS TREATMENT OF ROMANIAN DELEGATION. DISCUSSION DURING FORMAL PLENUM SESSIONS WAS NEITHER ANIMATED NOR EXTREMELY SUBSTANTIVE. COUNCIL DID ADOPT OPTIONAL PRE-ARBITRAL CONCILIATION PROCEDURE WHICH WILL UTILIZE SERVICES OF PANEL INCLUDING THREE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH SIDE. AGREED ALSO TO WORK FURTHER TO DEVISE STANDARD CONTRACT CLAUSES WHICH WOULD EASE CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. MILTON ROSENTHAL, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ENGLEHARD MINERALS, WAS SELECTED TO REPLACE HAUGE AS NEW CHAIRMAN OF US SECTION.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PLENUM WENT SMOOTHLY, THERE WAS A LACK OF CANDID EXCHANGE DURING FORMAL SESSIONS, HOWEVER, AND DISCUSSION COVERING MATTERS SUCH AS JOINT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VENTURES, CONDITIONS FOR LOCAL EMPLOYMENT, MULTIPLE

EXCHANGE RATES, OFFICE AND HOUSING, SKIRTED ISSUES RATHER THAN GOING TO ESSENTIAL PROBLEMS. DEPARTMENT OFFICER OBSERVING SESSIONS HAD IMPRESSION THAT GROUP WAS TOO LARGE FOR THE TYPE OF DETAILED DISCUSSION REQUIRED FOR REAL

ILLUMINATION OF PROBLEMS. SMALL, MORE NARROWLY FOCUSED GROUPS WOULD SEEM TO AFFORD BETTER POSSIBILITY FOR MEANINGFUL EXCHANGE.

3. USG ATTENTION TO COUNCIL ACTIVITIES INCLUDED MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD READ BY GABRIEL HAUGE AT OPENING SESSION OF COUNCIL. VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER ATTENDED MAY 29 RECEPTION AT METROPOLITAN CLUB AND SPOKE INFORMALLY AT THAT TIME TO GROUP. DINNER FOLLOWING RECEPTION FEATURED SPEECH BY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE MORTON. EXIM BANK BRIEFED US MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRIOR TO OPENING SESSION.

4. MEETINGS ARRANGED FOR VOLOSENIUC INCLUDED SESSIONS WITH CASEY, OPIC PRESIDENT MAYS, AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARIES ARMITAGE AND DOWNEY. DUMITRESCU MET WITH STATE AND STR OFFICIALS. NOTES ON TEXTILES AGREEMENT WILL BE EXCHANGED PRIOR TO DELEGATION'S DEPARTURE FROM THE US. IN ADDITION TO CALLS ON ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS, VOLOSENIUC AND SELECTED MEMBERS OF ROMANIAN DELEGATION PLAN TO MAKE CALLS ON SOME MEMBERS OF CONGRESS BEFORE LEAVING WASHINGTON.

5. FINAL COMMUNIQUE, LIST OF ATTENDEES, TEXTS OF PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE; AND MORTON AND CASEY SPEECHES BEING POUCHED. MAW

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